

KISTNA DISTRICT.

VUNAGATLA.

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361 Vunagatla, in the Yernagudem taluk of the Kistna district, is an upland village, four miles distant from Nidadavolu, an important centre of railway and river traffic. On one side it is bounded by the high road from Nidadavolu to the Godavari Agency, on the other by a great sandy tract filled with palmyra trees. The climate is extreme, the unbearable heat of summer being followed by the excessive rains of the rainy season, and the extreme cold of winter. It is a purely dry village, depending entirely on the annual rains.

132 *Population.*—The population has been increasing steadily since the first census.

Census.	Population.	Census.	Population.
1871 ...	... 1,237	1901 ...	... 2,150
1881 ...	... 1,567	1911 ...	... 2,519
1891 ...	... 2,017		

Brahmans and Vaisyas are increasing, and so are the Sudras, who are temperate and simple and hardy in habits. The rate of mortality is high among the Pariahs and washermen and other low castes.

163 The official figures of births and deaths cannot be entirely relied on. They are, for 1911—15, as follows:—

Births.

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1911	33	52	85
1912	55	49	104
1913	49	49	98
1914	48	52	100
1915	41	52	93

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Deaths.

Year.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.	Men.	Women.	Children under 14.	Total.
1911	316	...	42	...	28	71	88	137	296
1912	...	...	48	...	47	30	24	41	95
1913	...	...	62	3	2	18	30	39	67
1914	6	8	62	4	18	33	40	25	98
1915	112	...	41	17	13	53	49	81	183

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